



**THE STATE OF UTAH**  
**OFFICE OF STATE ENGINEER**  
**SALT LAKE CITY**

**JOSEPH M. TRACY**  
STATE ENGINEER

**WATER COMMISSIONER'S ELECTION**

Minutes of the meeting of the Water Users on Utah Lake and Jordan River from the pumping plant on Utah Lake to and including the North Jordan Weir near Midvale, Utah.

The meeting was held in the Utah State Engineer's Office, State Capitol Building, January 15, 1954, at 2:00 P.M.

Those present and the users represented were as follows:

Joseph M. Tracy	Utah State Engineer	State Capitol Bldg.
W. L. Latshaw	Galena Canal, U.S.S.R. & M. Co.	P.O. Box 1980 Salt Lake City, Utah
L.C. Monson	Chief Deputy, State Engineer's Office	
F. E. Seal	Pres., Utah Lake Distributing Co.	Riverton, Utah
T. Vinton Smith	Acct., State Engineer's Office	
Wm. J. Leak	Pres., Utah & Salt Lake Canal Co.	RFD #2, Riverton, Utah
Olof Olson	Pres., East Jordan Irrigation Co.	Box 36, Route #1 Sandy, Utah
Wm. H. Woodbury	Pres., North Jordan Irrigation Co.	3790 S. 3600 West Salt Lake City 15, Utah
John W. Labrum	Pres., South Jordan Canal Co.	5460 S. 1300 West Murray, Utah
Richard Carlquist	Pres., Draper Irrigation Co.	Box 232, Draper, Utah
Charles W. Wilson	Salt Lake City Corporation, Department of Water Supply and Waterworks	City and County Bldg., Salt Lake City, Utah
E. D. Hammond	Kennecott Copper Corporation	Mail to: L. C. Jones, Chief Eng. 714 Kearns Building Salt Lake City, Utah
Frank Reese	Chief Accountant, State Engineer's Office	
David I. Gardner	Comm., Utah Lake & Jordan River	Midvale, Utah

Joseph M. Tracy, State Engineer, Frank Reese, T. Vinton Smith, L.C. Monson and David I. Gardner were present but had no voice in the voting.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Joseph M. Tracy who read the notice of the meeting, and called for the election of a chairman for the meeting. It was moved by Mr. Leak and seconded by Mr. Olson that Mr. Latshaw be elected chairman of the meeting. Carried unanimously. Mr. Latshaw took the chair and called for nominations for a secretary of the meeting.

Mr. Woodbury moved that Mr. Gardner be elected secretary of the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Labrum and carried unanimously.

It was determined that a majority of the Water Users of the district were present; that there was a quorum, and that business could proceed.

The secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting held January 13, 1953. There were no ammendments nor corrections and the minutes were approved as read.

The chairman then asked for the financial report which was read and explained by Mr. Frank Reese. Mr. Seal moved and Mr. Leak seconded a motion that the financial report be approved and ordered filed. Carried unanimously.

The letter from the State Engineers, written to White Fawn Mill and Elevator Company in regard to dilynquent assessment of this company, was read. It was moved by Mr. Carlquist and seconded by Mr. Woodbury that the dilynquent account of the milling company be removed from the assessment role. This action was taken in view of the fact that the White Fawn Mill and Elevator Company had apparently forfeited their right by non-use. Carried unanimously.

The chairman declared that the next order of business would be the selection of a commissioner and deputy commissioner for recommendation to the State Engineer for appointment.

Mr. Olson moved that Mr. Leak seconded a motion that David Gardner be recommended to the State Engineer for appointment to the position of Water Commissioner of Utah Lake and Jordan River for the period from January 1, 1954, through December 31, 1954, or until a successor is appointed and qualified, and that his salary be fixed at \$4,000.00 per year, payable in twelve (12) equal monthly installments for such portion of his time as is necessary to properly distribute the waters of the system and file a complete report of his work with the State Engineer; and in addition to the above salary the Commissioner shall receive 7¢ per mile automobile expense while on official duty and the district shall pay the telephone bill of the Commissioner; and that \$20.00 per month be paid to the Commissioner for office rent. They also recommended that Fred C. Wanlass be recommended to the State Engineer as Deputy Commissioner at a salary of \$3,000.00 per year for the period from January 1, 1954, through December 31, 1954 or until his successor is appointed and qualified, and in addition to the above salary he shall receive 7¢ per mile automobile expense while on official duty. Said automobile expense to be approved by the Lake Commissioner. Carried unanimously.

Mr Woodbury moved and Mr. Leak seconded a motion that the total budget for the year 1954 be set at \$8,800.00, distributed in the various accounts as follows:

WATER COMMISSIONER OF UTAH LAKE:

Salary - - - - -	\$ 4,000.00
Travel - - - - -	450.00
Telephone - - - - -	120.00
Social Security Matching - - - - -	72.00

DEPUTY WATER COMMISSIONER OF UTAH LAKE:

Salary - - - - -	\$ 3,000.00
Travel - - - - -	175.00
Social Security Matching - - - - -	60.00

NEW EQUIPMENT - - - - -	100.00
STATE ENGINEER EXPENSE - - - - -	150.00
BONDS AND INSURANCE PREMIUMS - - - - -	50.00
COMMISSIONER'S REPORT - - - - -	150.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES - - - - -	100.00
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE - - - - -	133.00
OFFICE RENT - - - - -	240.00

TOTAL BUDGET	\$ 8,800.00
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Mr. Wilson moved that the State Engineer be authorized to assess the water users in the proportion fixed by the agreement sufficient to produce \$8,800.00, that the minimum assessment to any water user be \$1.00; and that he be authorized to use any surplus or bank balance remaining to the credit of the district on December 31, 1953, to meet expenses until such time as the 1954 assessment is collected. Seconded by Mr. Woodbury and carried unanimously.

Mr. Gardner reported that the elevation of the Utah Lake was minus 1.38, and that the January 1st report of the Weather Bureau indicated that with a normal precipitation for the balance of the year, the outlook for the water supply from Provo River and other streams tributary to the Lake was between 58 and 64 per cent normal. Although the situation did not seem alarming so far as the Jordan River water users were concerned, it seemed inadvisable to permit approximately 250 c.f.s. to waste down Jordan River. He also reported that the Utah Lake and Jordan River Dam Commission had met at ten O'clock the morning of the 15th and had ordered the gates at Utah Lake closed until further notice and that they had adjourned their meeting until February 4th when the matter of the regulation of the flow from Utah Lake would again be considered.

The Secretary was instructed to send a copy of the minutes to each of the Major water users.

There being no further business to come before the meeting Mr. Leak moved that the meeting adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Olson and Carried.

/s/ W. L. Latshaw  
W. L. Latshaw, Chairman

/s/ David I. Gardner  
David I. Gardner, Secretary